



# Whatcom Tech Prep Consortium Annual Report 2004-2005

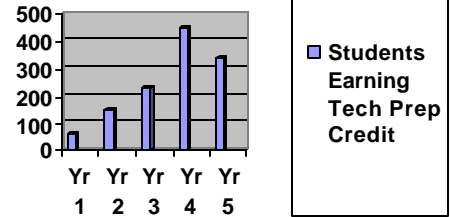
## EDUCATION TO CAREERS

*Preparing Students for Lifelong Learning and Career Success*

### Student Participants

61 students earned Tech Prep credits	2000-2001
151 students earned Tech Prep credits	2001-2002
229 students earned Tech Prep credits	2002-2003
449 students earned Tech Prep credits	2003-2004
342 students earned Tech Prep credits	2004-2005

*(note: 712 students registered / only 342 actually earned credit)*

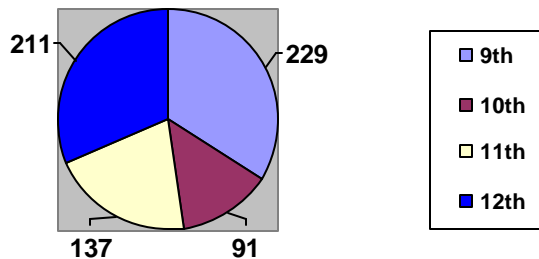


520 individual courses were transcribed for students  
 Total Credits Awarded: 1,541 + clock hours  
 Credit Value Total: \$108,708 (\$70.65 per credit)

New Tech Prep Registration Fees Paid: 323 students

Paid to WCC	\$ 6,125 (245 students) + 4 student waivers
Paid to BTC	\$ 1,925 (77 students) + 3 student waivers
Paid to SVC	\$ 25 (1 student)

### Active Student Participation by Grade Level



### Articulation Agreements

8 new courses were added: 2 in Computer Science courses (Programming); 1 web design; 2 in Computer Fundamentals and 3 in Business & Office.

- 62 individual college courses
- 13 program areas covered
- 317 individual articulation agreements with area high schools
- 45 high school teachers offer College Tech Prep courses
- 20 college faculty work with high school teachers

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

For the second year, 8,400 You Deserve Credit brochures mailed to the family home of all students in grades 9-12 enrolled in our partner high schools.

Whatcom Community Connections replaced the old SWIS system used by consortium schools for the past 8 years. A \$5,000 donation received from business partner ConocoPhillips provided the necessary funding to purchase the web-based site license and develop the communication structure. The system primarily supports students searching for community-based learning opportunities such as job shadows, internships, service learning experiences or senior culminating project mentors. We hired a 4 day per week program coordinator who serves as the liaison between the schools and community. To date we have 712 community partners "registered" to work with schools and we have 660 teachers as "approved" users of the system.

A Redesign of the Consortium Website was a major project this past year. Working in partnership with Squalicum High School's web design class, the Consortium served as a "real life" business client for an advanced student. Our website became his class project.

### Try a Professional Trade Project

- ◆ 40 high school teachers attended the Nov. 17 event. 18 program areas hosted teachers in their classrooms.
- ◆ 55 high school students attended the May 1 event; 20 BTC program areas hosted students.
- ◆ Parent evening event is being planned for Oct. 19, 2005

Awarded \$500 IT scholarship to graduating Ferndale High School student who will be attending BTC Fall 2005 enrolled in the Computer Networking program. Scholarship was provided by WSA/Technology Alliance Group of Whatcom County.

38 high school teachers participated in the Summer Institute held on BTC campus July 12-14, 2005. Five BTC instructors provided the inservice workshops: Welding, Culinary, Pastry, AutoCAD, and IC3.

29 high school students took the National ServSafe exam on BTC campus May 26; 12 students successfully passed the exam.

18 Tech Prep program workshops (1/2 to full day each) were scheduled for high school teachers, counselors and career center staff. College faculty and counselors also participated.

Consortium hosted DigiPen Video Game summer camp for 28 middle and high school students August 8-12 on Sehome High School campus.

Consortium was asked by OSPI to develop an Information Technology guide for students residing in Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan and Island counties. Two "regional" booklets were created in English and then translated into Russian and Spanish. The guides were distributed to all schools, libraries and other student organizations. Web versions were also created and posted to the consortium's website.

Six high school teachers and a team of college faculty from both BTC and WCC attended the annual WAOE/Tech Prep conference in Spokane March 3-4. All of the high school instructors presented program information at the conference: STARS program, VGP/Design Animation course and Whatcom Community Connections.

**Vision Statement:** *Whatcom County Tech Prep in collaboration with community partners helps prepare all students to make a successful transition from school to future education, career opportunities and life-long learning.*